

Henschke,

`Hill of Roses` Eden Valley Shiraz 2021

Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia

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Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Stephen Henschke
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	14.5%
Acidity	6g/L
Wine pH	3.55
Notes	Practising Biodynamic, Practising Organic

PRODUCER

The Henschke family have been making wine at their estate in the Eden Valley since 1868. Fifth-generation winemaker Stephen Henschke took over running the winery in 1979. Together with his viticulturist wife Prue, they have taken their two single vineyards, Hill of Grace and Mount Edelstone, and transformed them into two of Australia's most sought-after wines. Through a combination of great viticulture from Prue, who is at the forefront of re-introducing native plants into their vineyards to improve biodiversity, and winemaking from Stephen, they have built upon their inheritance and turned this traditional producer into one that is celebrated all around the world.

VINEYARDS

'Hill of Roses' is the product of younger (32-year-old) Shiraz vines grown in the Henschke Hill of Grace vineyard in the Eden Valley. Planted as a nursery block in 1989, the 0.94 hectare plot is known as the 'Post Office Block', named after the ruins of the historic Parrot Hill Post Office overlooking the vineyard. These vines were a mere 12 years old when the first wine was produced in 2001 and are at present too young to be considered for inclusion in Hill of Grace. The quality of grapes from this plot, however, has produced a wine that merited a separate bottling and limited release. The Hill of Grace vineyard is planted on sandy loam soils over medium-red clay. It is farmed using organic and biodynamic practices with harvesting done by hand. The name 'Hill of Roses' is a tribute to Johann Gottlieb Rosenweig, one of the early German Lutheran settlers in the Eden Valley, the name Rosenweig translating as 'rose twig'.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage will be remembered as a standout of the decade. Despite a challenging start to the season involving frost damage and strong winds, the vines enjoyed perfectly timed rain around veraison and remained disease free. The summer was the coolest on record for 19 years, with a late warm burst in autumn providing the ideal ripening conditions for red varieties. 2021 came with many challenges but will be remembered for complex wines with exceptional varietal expression, balance and purity.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was handpicked on 31st March. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were gently crushed in the historic open-top fermenters and underwent daily pump overs and punch downs with wooden header boards. Once fermented to dryness, the wine was pressed off the skins into seasoned French oak hogsheads, where it matured for 18 months before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep crimson with violet hues. Fragrant aromas of blackberry compote, blueberry and ripe plum are interwoven with spicy herbal notes of anise, rosemary, black pepper, sage and subtle vanilla pod and cedar tones. A vibrant palate with a rich core of blackberry and mulberry fruit is framed by hints of pink pepper, flowering herbs, nutmeg and spice, with fine, textural tannins and elegant acidity, providing excellent depth and length.

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